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33rd Annual IAMSLIC Conference and 17th Annual SAIL Meeting
October 7-11 in Sarasota, Florida, USA



There is still time to register for the conference at the "early" registration rate, but don't put it off too long as rates go up on September 1st!

See the conference website for the draft program, registration, lodging and additional information: <http://www.iamslic.org/index.php?section=150>

Highlights:

- Optional pre-conference kayak trip
 - *See page 3 for more info*
- Sunday evening welcome reception and paperback book exchange
- Monday evening Sunset Cruise field trip
- Guin Auction (coordinated by Kristen Metzger)
- SAIL Dinner and Business Meeting
- Wednesday evening conference banquet at Mote Marine Laboratory
- Optional Thursday afternoon field trip options
- Optional post-conference, half-day GIS workshop
 - Friday, October 12th, 8:30am-1pm
 - There are 15 seats remaining and the \$30 fee for this workshop includes breakfast and the GIS software and book!
 - *See page 4 for more info*

We look forward to seeing you in Sarasota and should you have questions please contact us:

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The pre-conference kayak trip

I know some of you out there are as eager as I am to see Florida from the seat of a kayak. Also, if you're like me, you'll wait until the last minute to make reservations (and I consider that to be just fine...). So, this is to remind you that if you want to go with the Sunday morning kayaking bunch, you will need to register separately with the kayaking company - see the information at the 2007 IAMSLIC Conference Web site and click on "Conference Outings". Then let me know via email, so I can make sure we have enough space on our bus or van to get you from the conference hotel to the place where we get on the water.

Here's a photo from the outfitter's Web site to whet/wet your appetite.

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Kayaking mangrove tunnels are a must see

I've been kayaking a few times in the South Lido area where Natalie is planning the kayak trip.

Everyone we take there really enjoys kayaking through the mangrove tunnels-seeing a side of nature that other boaters and beach walkers can't see. You actually kayak through "tunnels" of mangrove trees. It's a great experience. The last time we were there the tide was high and the water was turquoise and clear. It was a great day.

Beginners and experienced kayakers will enjoy it!

And, when you're done you can kayak a little further north and look at all the expensive homes along the bay.

Here are some more pictures of the area. However, the pictures don't show the uniqueness of the tunnels. That is something you have to experience to appreciate.

http://www.sarasotafl.org/cms/d/walking_trees.php

<http://www.kayakfl.com/id4.html>

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Post-Conference GIS workshop

If you need a refresher or an introduction to GIS this is an excellent opportunity. The instructors are willing to gear the class to the level of the participants!

At a glance

Date and location

Friday, October 12th, 8:30-1pm, Mote Marine Lab. (shuttles depart hotel at 8am)

Cost

\$30 per participant (workshop fee is not included in conference registration)

Participants will receive the book "GIS Tutorial" (see description below).
Course is limited to 20 individuals

About the class and instructors

Instructors Joe Aufmuth and Hesham Monsef of the University of Florida libraries will use their combined 37 years of GIS and remote sensing experience to tailor this workshop to fit the immediate needs and background of the attendees. When you sign up via the IAMSLIC registration we will contact you to ask about your familiarity with GIS. In general, the workshop will address mapping principles including projections and datums as well as the structure of GIS and its use for spatial analysis and data management. Specifically, the workshop will provide hands-on exercises using Environmental Systems Research Institute's (ESRI) ArcMap software to create and import spatial data, develop tabular data relationships, conduct geographic overlay and spatial/statistical analysis, as well as map production of results.

About the book

Workshop attendees will receive the textbook "*GIS Tutorial*" by ESRI press. This teaching tool is designed with both self-study and classroom users in mind, offering nine steps for learning ArcMap GIS software that have been developed and tested at the GIS labs at Carnegie Mellon University. The textbook covers how a GIS project would be developed, importing spatial data and data attributes, digitizing, address matching, spatial data processing, and spatial analysis, as well as map design, and GIS outputs. Additional exercises for each tutorial chapter provide an integrative approach that cuts across chapters. *GIS Tutorial* also includes a full working copy of ArcMap GIS software, good for 180 days from the date of installation, and all of the sample data required to run the exercises.

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New members

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to IAMSLIC.

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IAMSLIC Member Profile: Peter Murgatroyd

In January 2007, Peter Murgatroyd replaced Satui Bentin as Coordinator of the Pacific Environment Information Network [PEIN] and manager of the SPREP Library and Information Resource Centre in Apia, Samoa. Previously Peter was Campus Librarian / Law Librarian at the University of the South Pacific in Port Vila, Vanuatu. The PEIN project is a regional initiative funded by the EU to strengthen information sharing and promote enhanced access to environment information in the Pacific. In addition to supporting capacity building initiatives in SPREP member countries, Peter is focusing his energies on strengthening SPREP's role as an information clearinghouse for Pacific environment information. Since taking on his new role in January, Peter has developed a number of new web-based resources. These include:

- A directory of Pacific environment databases and recommended internet resources
- The PEIN Country Profiles Directory
- The PEIN Digest: a monthly digest of Pacific environment news and developments.

In addition to maintaining a regional bibliographic database of environment information, currently the SPREP Library and Information Resource Center also hosts 'Moana: the Database of Pacific Marine Resources' [*Moana is an initiative of PIMRIS, the Pacific Islands Marine Resources Information System located at the University of the South Pacific].

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Algae of Australia series

Algae are essential components of marine and freshwater habitats and at least 12 000 marine, freshwater and terrestrial species are thought to occur in Australia. This series will stimulate research on Australian algae, especially the many poorly known groups and their habitats.

The Algae of Australia series will provide the basic systematic data necessary for issues relating to conservation, biological diversity and the management of aquatic ecosystems. Individual titles will range from the more traditional taxon-based accounts to regional or habitat-based treatments. Where appropriate, each volume will include an introductory essay detailing the history of research and systematic relationships of the

particular group, as well as information on structure and reproduction. Keys to the identification of families, genera and species will be provided, as well as descriptions, illustrations, notes on ecology, distribution maps and bibliographic information.

The series will become an essential resource for those interested in Australian phycology and aquatic habitats and is co-published by CSIRO PUBLISHING and the Australian Biological Resources Study. More information on the series is available at <http://www.publish.csiro.au/nid/22/sid/53.htm/>.

If you would like to place a standing order for this series or you would like information on individual titles, then please email publishing.sales@csiro.au/.

3rd AFRIAMSLIC Conference

The 3rd AFRIAMSLIC Conference is now scheduled for the 10th-12th September, 2007 in Lilongwe, Malawi. This conference promises to be very exciting.

For more information, please visit the 2 conference websites at:

www.iamslic.org/index.php?section=162

www.bunda.unima.mw/announcements.htm

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HOORC library

The [Harry Oppenheimer Okavango Research Centre](#) (HOORC) Library serves a University of Botswana research team dedicated to learning about the physical and social environment of the Okavango Delta, a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance, and the broader community of people who live and work in the Delta and in the surrounding region. Although our primary mandate is to carry out research and monitoring activities that support planning and management for the Okavango Delta, our research activities encompass a wide range of natural resources management issues with a regional - southern African - scope. These issues include "hard" science topics in water chemistry, hydrology, ecology and geomorphology and social science topics such as resource economics, natural resources governance (including transboundary politics, as the Delta's water comes from Angola and flows through Namibia), social structures/adaptation, and tourism. We also have an increasingly strong emphasis on applying the results of our research to



social, economic and environmental problems. You can learn more about our focus by visiting the [HOORC web site](#) and the Library weblog, [Flow](#).

Located in Maun, northern Botswana, at the sandy edge of the Okavango Delta, the library's portacabin quarters accommodate a library team of four and study space for a constantly revolving set of visiting students and researchers. Satellite access to online resources is pretty reliable, considering the remote location and frequency of electricity outages - Botswana's magnificent summer skies are the product of numerous thunderstorms. Although we are a small library with limited space, and recognize that we will increasingly rely on electronic resources, we serve an extended community that does not have easy access to the Internet and online resources. This community needs hard copy materials that people can browse and borrow. The core of the HOORC Library's print holdings is the collection of pioneering Okavango Delta researcher Peter Smith, who worked in various environmental capacities for the Bechuanaland and subsequently,



Botswana governments in Ngamiland between 1958 and his death in 1999. Peter Smith's interests embraced not only ecological, hydrological, geographical and botanical areas, but also sociology, linguistics, history and anthropology. His collection of journals, books and reports reflects his wide-ranging interests and provides valuable historical context for Okavango Delta research. Other special collections include the San (Bushmen) ethnographic materials of the late Dr Hans Joachim Heinz and the collection of the late southern African ecologist Dr Richard Bell - the biodiversity knowledge in these collections are the focus of current digitization projects. Current acquisitions include a core collection of multi-disciplinary print journals, books, dissertations,



newspapers and videos. Government and consultants' reports of research and public policy work related to the Okavango River Basin are being acquired and catalogued with the support of the Government of Botswana's Okavango Delta Management Plan (ODMP). The HOORC Library weblog Flow provides current information about these acquisitions and other Okavango information resources to the ODMP community. Catalogue access to HOORC Library resources is available through the University of Botswana Library Portal.

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EURASLIC News

A year of changes...

We finally put into effect the implementation plan and became a Regional Group of IAMSLIC. This was happily welcomed by our members.

In a rapidly changing world our two latest presidents have been caught up in a whirlwind of change. At the beginning of 2007, Jan Haspeslagh had to step down from the EURASLIC presidency because his institute was restructured. Then, Vice-President Maria Kalenchits hit the jackpot and moved to Fiji for the next three years to work as a Librarian/PIMRIS Coordinator at the School of Marine Studies, University of the South Pacific (Fiji). Both Jan and Maria have been members of the Executive Board for a long time and we will really miss both of them. Thankfully Jan will at least stay on the Board as Past-President and

as the Website-Administrator! Thanks, Jan!

As a result of this series of "losing our presidents", I was selected as the president of EURASLIC for a year, until we vote again in spring 2008. I feel very honoured and I would be terrified if it weren't for this wonderful bunch of EURASLICers behind me! Thank you!

"From Treasures of the Sea - to Treasures of the Libraries" was the title of this year's EURASLIC Conference in Karadag, Ukraine. I would like to say that during this conference, I thought we should answer the question: "What treasures?" with: the people, the librarians, the EURASLIC members! This has been a most wonderful conference, not only due to the wonderful organizer, Olga

Akimova, but also due to all the people who attended the meeting.

We learned a lot about treasures: we not only saw old, rare books but learned to look at them in an unusual manner. We got a glimpse of what is possible in the world of electronic cataloguing, saw examples of e-repositories and went home with new ideas, new energy and new friends.

The proceedings will be published on our website soon and I would like to welcome you all to have a look at it.

The EURASLIC Newsletter continues to be published twice a year, giving an overview of current EURASLIC-activities and topics of interest. Where possible, special attention is given in each issue to one specific European country or region by inviting a guest editor from that country/region to contribute. We would like to call on the IAMSILIC community - if you have news and topics of interest to European aquatic information workers - to communicate this information to the EURASLIC Newsletter editor for inclusion in the next issue.

Cooperative initiatives

ODINECET

The history of ODINECET goes back to 2004 when Jan Haspeslagh participated in the 8th Session of the IODE Group of Experts on Marine Information Management (GEMIM-VIII). Mr Haspeslagh had informed the Group that EURASLIC as an organization had tried to assist Eastern European members but resources had been insufficient. He then suggested the establishment of an ODIN for ECET countries.

Olga Akimova and Maria Kalenchits started working on several tasks that were needed to get the ODIN-network going. Several meetings and training

sessions later, the ODINECET group is a reality, and their history, background and current activities are explained in detail on the website www.iode.org/odinecet. The contributions and support of the EURASLIC network have been essential in these first years, as has the good relationship and of course the financial, technical and organisational support of IOC.

MEDSIG

The Mediterranean Special Interest Group, represented by Margaret Watts, took the initiative at the special Board meeting in Paris (2006) to work towards a similar model of cooperation as the ODINECET group has established. As for Eastern Europe, Eurasic will fully support this initiative for the Mediterranean region, and we hope that Margaret Watts and her colleagues will succeed in their endeavours.

Projects

Several projects are ongoing. For full details, refer to our web site, www.euraslic.org where full description and status of the different projects can be found. One of the projects is the revision of the *EURASLIC leaflet*, which is in progress right now. Another project being discussed is the possibility of forming a *consortium* for web access to the ASFA-database.

Website

During the 2007 conference in Karadag we decided to form a website task force to restyle and adapt the Eurasic website.

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SAIL Regional Group Report, 2006-2007

A lot of accomplishments were made throughout the year and SAIL saw many changes. Some of the significant highlights include: the acceptance of the SAIL expansion proposal, membership growth, implementation of regional group proposal, involvement in committees and taskforces, retirements and enhancement of our new web site.

Membership Status

Since the approval of the SAIL expansion proposal, we have seen a substantial increase in membership from 58 members in February 2007 to currently 70 members. SAIL expanded its geographic region to include the eastern Atlantic coast of North America, central and eastern Canada, eastern Mexico and Panama. We've had several new members come aboard from these regions and we welcome all of them!

The Membership Committee continues its efforts in recruiting new members. One of the major accomplishments has been reviewing and completing SAIL's membership directory.

SAIL Activities

- As SAIL Representative, Liz DeHart attended the 32nd IAMSLIC Conference in Portland, Oregon, October 8-12, 2006.
- SAIL website completely updated, thanks to Helen Ivy and Chris Zeigler
<http://mrl.cofc.edu/sail/index.html>
- Implementation of the regional group proposal
- SAIL Annual Plan, 2006-07 approved
- SAIL funding allocation = \$1925

SAIL Members involved in various offices, committees and taskforces

IAMSLIC Executive Board
Liz DeHart-SAIL Representative 2005-07
Janine Devereaux-Treasurer 2006-07
Elizabeth Winiarz-Pres. - Elect 2008-09

IAMSLIC Archivist
Lisa Raymond

SAIL Selection Committee (annual plan, grants)
Liz DeHart (Chair), Kristen Metzger,
Susan Berteaux, Jan Heckman,
Elizabeth Winiarz

Aquatic Commons Board
Stephanie Haas (Chair), Lisa Raymond

Conference Committee
Program Planning:
Joe Aufmuth, Peter Fritzler
Local Arrangements:
Susan Stover, Jan Boyett, Vera
Neumann-Wood, Kristen Metzger,
Stephanie Haas, Fred Lohrer, Nancy
Hicks, Susie Hallowell

Membership Committee
Peter Fritzler

Membership Database, Committee
Liaison
Kristen Metzger

Nominating Committee
Kristen Metzger (Chair), Mary Sears
(Member-at-large)

Resource Sharing Committee
Jan Heckman

Site Selection Committee
Natalie Wiest

Disaster Taskforce
Chair: Susan Stover
Members: Joyce Shaw, Gloria Aversano
Implementation Task Force: Regional
Group Proposal
Susan Stover

SAIL Members - Retired, new positions

On behalf of SAIL, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our SAIL friends who recently retired, or moved on to new positions. I appreciate all their hard work, sharing of time and knowledge, and especially for their kind friendship. SAIL sends you greetings and best wishes!

- Rosalie Shaffer
- Evelyn Poole-Kober
- Janine Devereaux
- Susi Ridenour
- Nancy Hicks

Upcoming 2007 Conference

Typically, SAIL conferences are held in the spring (usually April or May), but this year SAIL is extremely pleased to participate in the combined IAMSILIC/SAIL Conference in Sarasota, Florida, October 7-11, 2007, hosted by the Mote Marine Laboratory. Barbara Butler (Chair and Conference Convenor), Susan Stover (Chair Local Arrangements Committee) and all the other committee members are very busy preparing for an exciting conference. The location should draw in many new SAIL members to attend their first IAMSILIC Conference.

<http://www.stri.org/>

Vielka Chang-Yau is looking forward to hosting the 2008 Annual SAIL Conference at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama next year. The tentative date is April 14-18, 2008. Everyone should remember to have their passports processed and completed soon.

From the SAIL Representative

The time has come to pass on the SAIL torch. As of this writing, members are voting for a new representative and term will begin August 1, 2007.

It has been my sincere pleasure serving as SAIL Representative these past two years. The reward has been the continued friendship with my colleagues, accomplishments of all our hard work, and witnessing growth in numbers. I look forward to sharing many more years with my friends and especially getting to know all the new members that I have not even met yet!

For the new SAIL representative, I welcome you. Take charge and keep them busy!

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Congratulations to Patricia Muñoz

Congratulations to a studious a Latin American Colleague. I am pleased to comment that the librarian Patricia Muñoz, from IFOP, Valparaíso, Chile has recently received a Master on Digital Documentation from the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain, with

a final Project on 'Web Page: Marine Information Management in Chile', Junio 2007.

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Annual Summary of Distributed Library Statistics

In July of each year, I collate and summarize the resource sharing statistics from the IAMSILIC Distributed Library project. 2006/07 represents the fifth complete year of the resource sharing program. In contrast to last year when some significant shifts in the geographic distribution of lending and borrowing occurred, the most notable change has been a substantial increase in the overall volume of interlibrary borrowing requests. A total of 3906 requests were submitted during 2006/07, representing a 44% increase over the level of activity of the previous two years. A total of 14,378 requests have been submitted via the system since its inception in 2002.

The resource sharing program continues to be broadly international in scope, with 77 different IAMSILIC lending libraries in 22 countries receiving borrowing requests from 110 IAMSILIC libraries in 44 countries. This represents an increase of 22% in the number of countries among the lending libraries and an increase of 13% in the number of countries among borrowing libraries. 43 (55.8%) of those 77 lending libraries are in the United States and they received 58.8% of the total requests. Germany, Mexico, Australia and Canada collectively received 33.8% of the borrowing requests, with the remainder spread among 17 other countries.

The Hatfield Marine Science Center of Oregon State University (U.S.) regained the honor of being the top lending library for the fourth time in the five-year life of the program, followed by the Alfred Wegener Institut in Bremerhaven (Germany), the University of Hawaii (U.S.), the Bedford Institute of Oceanography (Canada), Moss Landing Marine Laboratories/MBARI

(U.S.), the CSIRO Marine Research Library (Australia), and CICESE (Mexico).

The following tables illustrate the geographic distribution of borrowing and lending libraries over the past two years:

BORROWING	2006/07	2005/06
Africa	2.5%	2.6%
Europe	17.8%	17.4%
Latin America	46.8%	38.6%
North America	14.5%	18.5%
Pacific	12.7%	15.8%
Other	5.3%	6.3%

LENDING	2006/07	2005/06
Africa	0.8%	0.9%
Europe	11.7%	13.7%
Latin America	13.5%	15.7%
North America	66.0%	63.8%
Pacific	7.3%	5.8%
Other	0.4%	0.0%

The Latin American region continues to make active use of the resource sharing program while contributing a substantial amount of lending in return. EURASLIC still conducts much of its regional interlibrary loan activity via its discussion list, so the number of transactions via the Distributed Library does not reflect the full volume of resource sharing in the region. There was a slight drop-off in the amount of borrowing by North American and Pacific libraries, while borrowing activity in Africa remains low in comparison to its proportion of the IAMSILIC membership.

Because 96.7% of all requests submitted during 2006/07 were for journal articles as opposed to books, the Union List of Marine and Aquatic Serials continues to be an important

source for libraries to consult prior to submitting borrowing requests. The combined Union List has 29,491 records representing more than 15,000 unique serial titles held by 60 IAMSILIC libraries, plus entries for 171 open-access journals related to the marine and aquatic sciences. In addition, the ECET Union List of Serials offers access to many additional titles held by libraries in the European Countries in Economic Transition.

Detailed holdings are included in the Union Lists so that libraries looking to obtain copies of articles can verify that a particular library owns the volume and date for the serial. Therefore, the Union List should be the first source to consult for nearly all requests, since it is not possible to display detailed serial

holdings from most library catalogs in search results from Z39.50 searches of the entire Distributed Library.

The complete set of data is available on the Distributed Library website via the Resource Sharing Statistics link at <http://library.csumb.edu/iamslic/ill/>. It includes a spreadsheet for each year that offers charts and additional analysis of lending and borrowing patterns. I encourage you to look at the 2006/07 numbers and will be glad to answer any questions you may have about my interpretation of the data.

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Regional MIM Training Course for Ukrainian and Russian aquatic librarians

Within the framework of the ODINECET pilot project (Ocean Data and Information Network for European Countries in Economic Transition), the First Regional Training Course in Marine Information Management (MIM) was organized and held 7-9 May 2007 in Crimea, Ukraine. Ten aquatic librarians from Ukraine and Russia took part in this training.

The Programme of the training course included basic knowledge on MIM. Special attention was paid to creating and management of institutional e-repositories. Among the trainers were Pauline Simpson and Jan Haspeslagh. I would like to bring your attention to the repository of the Institute of Biology of the Southern Seas which has already been created and is regularly

amended by a new IBSS publication. For more information, go to:
<http://repository.ibss.org.ua/dspace/>.

Transport and accommodation (including meal) costs of participants of the training was covered by IOC IODE. However, in order to participate in the EURASLIC Conference, the selected trainees had to cover their accommodation costs during the Conference from other financial sources. Three of the trainees have received financial support from EURASLIC to attend the Conference.

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IODE- XIX

Nineteenth session of the IOC Committee on International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange*

IODE-XIX was held at the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics in Trieste, Italy 12 -16 Mar 2007 and was attended by 67 delegates from 43 Member States, 11 representatives of organizations, programmes and projects, and 3 World Data Centres. As always the participants were data centric, but I counted 5 representatives from the MIM (Marine Information Management) community (including myself representing IAMSILIC).

The 5 day Session:

- i. completed the implementation process of the IODE review recommendations, submitted at IODE-XVIII. The review was conducted within IODE in 2005, and we heard that IODE is to be externally reviewed, this time as part of the UNESCO systematic review process of all its' major programmes.
- ii. recommended a new strategy and structure of IODE Groups of Experts
http://www.iode.org/index.php?option=com_oe&task=viewDocumentRecord&docID=340
- iii. revised the terms of reference of the IODE GE-BICH
- iv. recommended the development of the IODE Ocean Data Portal project
http://www.iode.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26&Itemid=64
- v. established ODINs for European countries in economic transition (ODINECET), WESTPAC region (ODINWESTPAC) and Black Sea region (ODINBLACKSEA)
- vi. recommended the establishment of the OceanDocs e-repository project

- vii. recommended the joint HAB/IODE development of a Harmful Algal Event Information System.

Despite the small number of MIM representatives we nevertheless made numerous interventions and Suzie Davies, Chair of GEMIM and IAMSILIC Australia member was able to report significant progress.

Cooperation & Communication within IODE

The number of National Coordinators for Marine Information Management has continued to increase (current number 34 - Data Management has 84!).

Enhanced communication and collaboration between the GEs and the National Coordinators for DM & MIM is vital. In order for MIM NCs to better understand their role, GE-MIM developed a document *Role of National Coordinators for Marine Information Management* -

http://www.iode.org/index.php?option=com_oe&task=viewGroupRecord&groupID=60&Itemid=43.

At IODE XVIII Apr 2005 Groups of Experts Chairs were tasked with development of a new strategy for future management of GEs. The proposals include GEs core members to be enhanced by external experts for specific projects which will be of particular value for GE-MIM.

IOC/IODE and IAMSILIC

It was articulated several times that IAMSILIC greatly values its relationship with IOC. Representatives from ODINCARSA and ODINAFRICA were generous in their praise of the support that IAMSILIC has given to their regional activities, often funding the set up of IAMSILIC regional groups to underpin

their ODIN work. IODE noted that the MOU is due to be reviewed and it welcomed that IAMSLIC will be setting up a Working Group in October to work with IOC on developing a performance managed plan that will strengthen communication lines and identify beneficial joint projects. Additionally a permanent IOC Liaison Officer within IAMSLIC was suggested.

The next GE-MIM formal meeting will be held in late September 2007, in Ostende, Belgium. At that meeting, the Group hopes to focus strongly on communication strategies, in particular between GE-MIM and IODE MIM National Coordinators, and between the IOC and IAMSLIC. The provisional agenda is at http://www.iode.org/index.php?option=com_oe&task=viewEventRecord&eventID=85

Ocean Data and Information Networks (ODIN)

The new ODINs ODINECET, ODINCINDIO are already involved in building MIM activities. New ODINs for Black Sea and WESTPAC are on the agenda. The MIM components in ODINs have been a huge success in ODINAFRICA and ODINCARSA:

- Provision of MIM Equipment & Software
- MIM Training Courses via OceanTeacher
- Development of Document Delivery & Information Exchange Services
- Regional Libraries Catalogue
- Regional Union List of Serials
- Regional Ocean Portal
- Regional Directory of Experts
- OceanDocs – Digital Repository accommodating ODINs output
<http://www.oceandocs.net>

OceanDocs and Aquatic Commons

Following Marc Goorvaerts' presentation on OceanDocs, we were permitted to make a short presentation on the Aquatic Commons Repository. AC is only just coming on stream guided by a Steering Group that includes IOC. It was important to show how AC is complementary to OceanDocs and that we were already working together on building a common metadata standard that would also map to AGRIS and Marine XML.

Information Professionals

There is an increasing blurring of boundaries between previously well defined silos that existed between information managers and data managers. It is realistic that GE-MIM acknowledge this 'convergence' and work towards collaborative projects with IODE Data Managers and will propose at its' next meeting a strategy for stronger liaison and communication within the IODE community.

*For more information, see the IODE XIX Executive Summary at

http://www.iode.org/index.php?option=com_oe&task=viewDocumentRecord&docID=775

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What's going on in Germany?

"Growing together" not only characterized the last two years in Europe but also in Germany:

The 6 main Common Library Networks of Germany decided to work closer together and to exchange their **catalogue data**. This will result in the possibility of searching for literature within one network and get results nationwide. In addition to this nationwide search those 6 Library Networks decided to add their data into the **WorldCat** database, which is a worldwide library cooperative built up by OCLC.

National Licenses: With help from the German Research Foundation access from anywhere in Germany to many backfiles of online journals and subject databases (mainly social sciences, arts and humanities) was provided. Right now we are working on broadening on the range of available natural sciences databases and full text journals.

As a result of several discussions with our German Association of Marine Science Libraries and Information Centres (AmB) and the publisher **Inter-Research**, the archives of their journals have been made available as a service to the scientific community. All articles published more than 4 years ago may be accessed free of charge. The most important journals of this publisher are: Marine Ecology Progress Series, Aquatic Microbial Ecology, Diseases of Aquatic Organisms and Climate Research.

In the IFM-GEOMAR Library we have finally converted our catalogue data into one of the biggest German Common Library Networks. GBV and both of our libraries (East and West) now have a common library catalogue

and a common library system. Most of the marine science libraries in Germany now take part within this library network. As a result we have initiated a **German Marine Sciences Libraries Online Catalogue** which was set up two weeks ago. Your search will take you through all catalogues of German marine science libraries and show you the available literature as well as electronic links to books and journals.

The German Research Foundation is funding several so-called "**Clusters of Excellence**" which enable German university locations to establish internationally visible, competitive research and training facilities, thereby enhancing scientific networking and cooperation among the participating institutions. Clusters of excellence should form an important part of a university's strategic and thematic planning, significantly raise its profile and reflect its considered long-term priorities. They should also create excellent training and career conditions for young researchers. In conjunction with the other two funding lines i.e. graduate schools and institutional strategies to promote top-level research, clusters of excellence will help to increase Germany's attraction as a research location in the long term and improve its international competitiveness. I am proud to present to you our IFM-GEOMAR Institute as part of the Excellence Cluster "**The Future Ocean**".

The ocean, through its dominating influence on global climate and its major role as a source of important natural resources and devastating hazards, plays a key role in the lives of all human beings. At the same time, the ocean is increasingly being altered by anthropogenic CO₂ emissions,

fisheries, pollution, waste disposal and other human activities. Within the Cluster of Excellence, a network of researchers at the Christian-Albrechts-University in Kiel (CAU) and the participating Leibniz Institutes will, hence, investigate past, present and future ocean change, explore marine resources, develop strategies for their sustainable use and study hazards arising from the seas. Marine science is by its very nature an interdisciplinary scientific field of study. The Cluster will expand this research approach by including experts from disciplines which are not traditionally seen as marine, such as medicine, economics, social sciences and law, to study the environmental, socio-economic and legal aspects of the ocean in a truly multidisciplinary approach. Nowhere previously have experts from this wide range of disciplines and proven excellence come together to focus on questions of such key relevance to the Future Ocean. The research program will, therefore, significantly broaden and enhance the understanding of the ocean - understanding which is needed to provide sound guidance to decision makers.

Research within the Cluster will be organized under two themes (A) Oceans in the Greenhouse World and (B) Marine Resources and Risks. Within both themes, strong existing research groups will be strategically augmented by new Junior Research Groups (JRG's) and be supported by research platforms. Integrated curricula for training Ph.D. and Master's students will be developed in a new school of ocean sciences. Forums will be established to transfer research results acquired in the Cluster

to decision makers, stakeholders, industry and the general public. Most of the funding requested will, however, be used to establish and endow Junior Research Groups in emerging research fields currently not covered by, but complementary to, those of the proponents. Through these means, the Cluster will strengthen and promote the University's profile as a leading European centre for the study of the ocean system at large.

The Cluster of Excellence "The Future Ocean" is funded with more than **36 Million Euros** by the German Research Foundation (DFG) until October 2011.

Thanks to this financial support the libraries involved have for the next two years access to Elsevier's Complete Freedom collection. This collection enables us to provide our users with 1800 mostly previously unsubscribed Elsevier titles online and fulltext for the next 2 years. Journal access will begin with the publication year 2007, and include a four-year backfile. Since the money provided (about 100.000,00 Euro) for this service only covers the next two years, we are very curious how our scientists will manage to cope with the loss of this online access in 2009! Presuming I will survive the storm of protest that is going to blow through our library we will keep you up-to-date about the further developments!

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What's happening at MBLWHOI

The MBLWHOI Library is part of the new Biodiversity Heritage Library (BHL) www.biodiversitylibrary.org which consists of ten major natural history museum libraries, botanical libraries, and research institutions. This group has been awarded a three million dollar grant from the Sloan Foundation and the McArthur Foundation to digitize the published literature on biodiversity held in their collections. The libraries have joined with the Internet Archive for the scanning project and expect to have 35 million pages scanned by the end of 2008. The members of BHL are:

- American Museum of Natural History (New York, NY)
- The Field Museum (Chicago, IL)
- Harvard University Botany Libraries (Cambridge, MA)
- Harvard University, Ernst Mayr Library of the Museum of Comparative Zoology (Cambridge, MA)

- Marine Biological Laboratory / Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (Woods Hole, MA)
- Missouri Botanical Garden (St. Louis, MO)
- Natural History Museum (London, UK)
- The New York Botanical Garden (New York, NY)
- Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (Richmond, UK)

All of the materials scanned will be made publicly available through the BHL portal and will all have no copyright issues for permission from the copyright holders to make this freely available. This group is also a part of the new encyclopedia of life project EOL www.eol.org that intends to build 1.8 million species pages.

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COFOL receives recognition for 25 years service

The Council of Fisheries and Oceans Librarians (COFOL) received two awards in early 2007. COFOL is the group of librarians within the Canadian Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) that provides cooperative and collective action on behalf of the DFO libraries and manages the department's 11 library nation wide network.

In April, the DFO Science Sector presented COFOL with the department's Distinction Award, recognizing, in particular, the WAVES catalogue. In late May, COFOL received the highest recognition awarded by DFO, the Prix

d'excellence, for its efforts since 1981 to provide outstanding library services and information to DFO as well as to other federal and provincial agencies, academia, private industry and the general public. The group was commended for its strongly cohesive, cross-regional, cross-sectoral activities that has earned it an international reputation as a model of good management and excellent service.

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International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF)

International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF) is a non-governmental organization, which is part of the IAMSLIC network. The Documentation centre of ICSF has been actively involved in compiling and disseminating information on various issues of relevance to small-scale and artisan fishing communities and fishworkers in different parts of the world.

ICSF has recently developed a website (<http://legal.icsf.net>) on international legal instruments of relevance to fisheries and fishing communities. It covers 128 legal instruments, categorized into seven themes: Human Rights, Food Security, Women and Development; Environment and Sustainable Development; Oceans and Fisheries Management; Environmental Pollution; Fishing Vessels and Safety at Sea; Labour; and Trade.

The website also includes details of the workings of the instruments (decision-making bodies, monitoring and implementation agencies, periodicity of meetings, rules for participation in meetings of the decision-making bodies

and implementation agencies for States and non-governmental organizations), regional instruments/agencies and follow-up actions taken. Apart from being a ready reckoner to the instruments, the website highlights the important sections of relevance to fisheries /small-scale fisheries/ fishworkers. It also provides the full texts of the instruments in a searchable database. The website is updated with relevant information for all these instruments on a regular basis.

For more information on ICSF and its documentation centre, please visit, www.icsf.net and <http://dc.icsf.net>. Besides this, ICSF also has thematic websites on labour standards in the fishing sector (<http://labour.icsf.net>) and women in fisheries issues (<http://wif.icsf.net>).

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Marine Photobank

The Marine Photobank Photo Center provides free online access to a fantastic collection of photos for non-commercial use. The purpose of the photobank is to 'advance ocean conservation through imagery'. Issues covered include marine pollution and trash, reefs in peril/coral bleaching and climate change/sea level rise. The website address is www.marinephotobank.org



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Newsletter of the Mekong River Commission Fisheries Programme

A lovely new issue of Catch and Culture: Newsletter of the Mekong River Commission Fisheries Programme is available online at

http://www.mrcmekong.org/programmes/fisheries/cc_vol13_1_apr07.htm#12/.

It includes this photo - maybe I should believe those tall stories from fishermen!



The Mekong giant catfish, an iconic species from the Mekong River system, is one of the world's largest freshwater fishes. PHOTO: ZEB HOGAN

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Editors' Bubble

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue. We know though, that there are still lots of IAMS LIC members and libraries that we don't hear from. We would really like to profile a library in each newsletter. If we haven't heard from you for a while, please send us some news from your library. If you prefer, a couple of photos with a short note or caption would be welcome.

Do you have any quirky little items of interest or handy hints that are related to aquatic and marine libraries? If you do, please send them in.

Remember it is your contributions that make up the newsletter.

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